

THE SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Catherine, he left the quiet of his cell and his former mode of life, in order that he might help others as well as himself, and followed her, especially because of the signs and wonders that he daily saw both in himself and in others ; declaring that he found greater quiet and consolation of mind, as also greater advance in virtue, by following her and listening to her teaching, than he had ever found in the solitude of his cell." ¹

Two others, whose names were destined to be linked more intimately with that of Catherine, were still needed to complete the fellowship : Raimondo da Capua himself, and that young countryman and beloved disciple of the saintly maiden, to whom at the last he could appeal in testimony of the truth of the whole of his Life of their spiritual mistress : " He is the witness of almost all this narration, in such wise that I can say with John the Evangelist : *he knoweth that he saith true*. He, that is, Stefano the Carthusian, knoweth that Raimondo of the order of Preachers saith true, who, albeit unfit and unworthy, has composed this Legend."

III. i. 10 (§ 340). Cf. Bartholomaeus Senensis, *Vita B. Petri Pftroni*, III. 6.